

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 38 wherein said top surface is raised relative to the exterior surface of said tubular member.
3. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 38 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said stem of said supporting member is externally matingly threaded at least at its free end for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.
4. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 2 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said stem of said supporting member is externally matingly threaded at least at its free end for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.
5. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 38 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.
6. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 2 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.
7. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 3 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.
8. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 4 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.
9. (Previously Presented) A coupling device as in claim 38 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
10. (Original) A coupling device as in claim 2 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
11. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 3 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
12. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 4 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
13. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 5 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
14. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 6 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

15. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 7 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

16. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 8 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 39 38 wherein said top surface is raised relative to the exterior surface of said tubular member.

19. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 39 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said stem of said supporting member is externally matingly threaded at least at its free end for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.

20. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 18 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said stem of said supporting member is externally matingly threaded at least at its free end for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.

21. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 39 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

22. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 18 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

23. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 19 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

24. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 20 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

25. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 39 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

26. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 18 wherein said a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

27. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 19 wherein said a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

28. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 20 wherein said a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

29. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 21 wherein said a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

30. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 22 wherein said a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

31. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 23 wherein said a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

32. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device as in claim 24 wherein said a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

33. (Currently Amended) The combination coupling device of claim 38, wherein said free end of the stem of the supporting member is positioned within the confine of said tubular member in contact with said pair of conduits.

34. (Currently Amended) The combination coupling device of claim 38, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member is externally threaded for receiving said conduit.

35. (Currently Amended) The combination coupling device of claim 38, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member further having an opening through said tubular member, said opening is internally threaded to receive a set screw for securely positioning said conduit.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Currently Amended) The combination coupling device of claim 38, wherein said aperture is generally perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said tubular member.

38. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device for positioning at least one a pair of electrical wire-carrying conduits and a supporting member for securing said coupling device to be supported by a supporting member capable of being secured to a structure above said coupling device, said supporting member comprising a stem having a free end portion adapted to engage said conduit, said coupling device comprising a tubular member having opposed axially aligned ends, each of said ends adapted to receive one end of a one of the pair of mating conduits, and said tubular member having a top surface and an aperture through said top surface for engaging adapted to be engaged by the said free end portion of said stem of said supporting member, wherein said supporting member is positioned above said aperture on said top surface of said tubular member.

39. (Currently Amended) A combination coupling device for positioning a pair of electrical wire-carrying conduits and a supporting member for securing said coupling device to be supported by a supporting member capable of being secured to a structure adjacent said coupling device, said supporting member comprising a stem having a free end portion, said coupling device comprising an integral tubular member having a generally cylindrical wall surrounding an interior space and opposed axially aligned ends, each of said ends adapted to receive one end of one of the pair of a mating conduit, and said tubular member having an aperture through said tubular wall into said interior space, said free end of said stem engaging said aperture to support said tubular member and is positioned in said interior space of said

tubular member sufficient to engage said ends of said conduits received through at said opposite ends of said tubular member.

40. (Currently Amended) The combination coupling device of claim 38 wherein said tubular member further having a wall surrounding an interior space, wherein said aperture is ~~adapted to receive~~ said free end portion of said stem of said supporting member within said interior space.